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The Fierce Fight Between Col. Theodore Roosevelt and President Taft

CONTINUES TO GROW MORE BITTER AS THE TIME APPROACHES FOR HOLDING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

EACH AND EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK THE FORMER ROUGH RIDING PRESIDENT CAPTURES NATIONAL DELEGATES WHOM THE POLITICIANS FIGURED WERE SOLID.

FOR THE PRESENT OCCUPANT OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

It goes without saying that the fierce fight between Col. Theodore Roosevelt and President Taft, is getting hotter and hotter and continues to grow more bitter as the time approaches for holding the National Convention.

It is indeed very surprising to see how Col. Roosevelt and his managers and supporters, have put the hosts of President Taft to flight in the various states which had been looked upon as strongholds for the President; for example almost the solid delegation of Pennsylvania has wheeled into line for Col. Roosevelt, and each and every day in the week the former Rough Riding President, captures National delegates whom the politicians figured were or would be solid for the present occupant of the White House.

At the present time the wisest politicians are willing to admit that Col.

Roosevelt, is running neck and neck with President Taft.

Many prominent Afro-Americans in all parts of the country are tooting their horns for Col. Roosevelt, which seems to indicate that they would rather take chances with him in the White House than with President Taft.

For some cause or other President Taft, seemed to take much delight in loading down the United States Supreme Court, with rebel Democrats from the southern states; this has in a large degree contributed to his unpopularity among the Colored Republicans.

It is our honest opinion, however, that even with this bad blunder on the part of President Taft that he is and will continue to make a safer President for all of the people, than Col. Roosevelt.

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

All the ministers of Chicago have been individually appealed to to preach on Sunday, April 28, upon the subject of "The Lynching Evil in this Country."

This request has gone to them from the local committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which begins its fourth annual conference in Chicago upon that day. Thousands of pamphlets dealing with the lynching evil, especially with its sporadic appearance in northern states like Illinois and Pennsylvania, have been sent to the clergy for their guidance. This literature seems to have made a deep impression upon many of them who have responded earnestly to the plea for co-operation.

"The continuance of lynching," one minister wrote the committee, "seems to me a challenge to Christianity. I should certainly feel that I was derelict in my duty if I did not emphasize for my people the deep lesson of shame which this holds for us all."

Similar material has been sent to the daily newspapers, not only of Chicago but of many other cities, in order to strengthen public sentiment against further spread of this national shame.

This part of the work for the forthcoming conference has been in the charge of Mr. T. W. Allison of the Henry Booth house, Dr. C. E. Bentley and other members of the local committee which includes Miss Jane Addams, Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett, Mrs. Celia Parker Wooley, Mr. Louis F. Post, Miss Sophonisba Breckenridge, Mr. Willoughby Walling, Judge E. O. Brown and others.

One of the most striking features of the opening session of the Conference, held at the new Sinai Temple on Sunday evening, will be the appearance of the venerable Abdul Baha, head of the Bahai order which is now spreading with its tenets of brotherly love and inter-racial harmony, around the world. The Bahai cult comes originally from Persia and embraces people of all religions and races, Christians, Mohammedans, Jews and others. It is said that Abdul Baha made a profound impression in London last year when he appeared at the great Universal Congress of Races.

Abdul Baha insists that he is not seeking converts to a special religion but is merely preaching to the followers of all faiths, creeds and colors that they can, and should, live in

harmony and mutual respect. He is strenuously opposed to race discrimination and oppression.

Dressed in his picturesque robes and turban, Abdul Baha will appear for a few minutes at the Sunday night meeting and address the audience briefly. The other speakers that night will be Mr. Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the New York Evening Post and the grandson of William Lloyd Garrison, the abolitionist; Dr. Emil G. Hirsch; and Professor William Pickens of Talladega, Fla., one of the most eloquent Colored speakers in the country. Miss Jane Addams will preside at the meeting.

On Monday and Tuesday morning, afternoon and evening, the sessions will be held at Handel Hall, Randolph street near Wabash avenue. All sessions, it is announced, will be open to the public without charge.

MAYOR PROCLAIMS CLEANING UP WEEK.

Householders, Merchants and Children Urged to Help Rid City of Litter for Six Days, Beginning April 29.

Mayor Harrison has designated a cleaning up week, beginning April 29, for Chicago and during that week he hopes to have various bodies that are interested in seeing a cleaner Chicago co-operate in making the city so. He has sent a proclamation to Acting Superintendent of Streets Frank W. Solon and also sent a copy of it to Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of schools.

His reason for sending the copy to Mrs. Young was based on a hope that the school children would co-operate as they did in years past under a prevailing custom. The proclamation issued by the mayor reads as follows:

Text of Proclamation.
"To the Citizens of Chicago:
"Whereas, It is the desire of the administration to promote the physical appearance and sanitary conditions of our city, and appreciating that, even with our best endeavors, it is almost an impossibility to do this without the co-operation and assistance of the general public.

"Therefore, I, Carter H. Harrison, mayor of the city of Chicago, urge the people of this city to assist in obtaining better conditions of municipal cleanliness by burning all combustible materials, thereby preventing the light material being carried broadcast by the wind; by taking care in every possible way not to litter streets and alleys and by placing all accumulations in metal receptacles



HON. THOMAS GALLAGHER.

Member of Congress from the 8th Congressional District, who has made an honorable record in the lower halls of Congress and who completely routed hog all, Alderman John Powers, at the primaries, Tuesday, April 9th.

set just inside the lot line, and further ask all citizens to set aside the week beginning April 29 to promote general outdoor cleaning.

"CARTER H. HARRISON."

Duty of Merchants.

"I am convinced," said Mayor Harrison, referring to the plea, "that many of our downtown merchants could do more to keep the streets in better condition if they would lend a hand and make a little effort. In some seasons and on certain days, when there are strong winds blowing, some corners become the dirtiest in the city simply because material is not gathered up."

"In the old days it was a custom to have regular cleaning up periods, when all people co-operated and I hope they will do so again."

SPRING HINTS.

A swat in time saves nine—and then some. Of course, we are speaking of flies.

Mrs. Fly lays about 120 eggs at a time and these will develop into full fledged flies in about twelve days. Inside of another fifteen days the flies from the first batch of eggs will produce about 7,000 more. From this colony if they are industrious and flies never loaf on the job when it comes to propagating their kind—there will be inside of thirty days about 432,000 flies, whose main business it will be to spread the germs of disease everywhere and to pester people generally. And if this last colony is let alone before the killing frosts of autumn come, they will have developed into more millions than any one would have time to count.

So then the moral is plain: Swat the fly and get after the first ones you see. And don't forget the screens for the doors and windows.

How about that back yard with its winter accumulation of rubbish of almost every kind? Have you tackled it yet? For goodness sake don't let your neighbor beat you to it.

The planting season is here. Have you made up the flower beds yet? Why not get the children interested in a home flower garden? Flowers add so much to the beauty and attractiveness of the home surroundings that it is hard to understand why they are not planted in every yard. There are many of the old fashioned varieties that need but little attention and richly repay for the care and labor given. Then,

too, it is work that takes people out of doors. It is work that is good for both the body and mind. It is work that soothes the nerves, strengthens the muscles and brings peace of mind. Try it and see.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius N. Avendorph and Mrs. Erina Jones introduced their niece, Miss Ethel C. Mitchell, (into Society at the Appomattox Club. W. R. Cowan, Master of Ceremonies.

One of the most delightful affairs ever given in Chicago was the debutante party given by Mr. and Mrs. Julius N. Avendorph and Mrs. Erina Jones in honor of their niece, Miss Ethel C. Mitchell, at the Appomattox club house Tuesday evening, April 16, from eight to twelve. The club house was brilliantly illuminated and decorated with cut flowers. The receiving party consisted of the following young ladies: Miss Ethel C. Mitchell, Miss Myra Jones of Cincinnati, O., Miss Bennie Stoval, Miss Ada Lou Mitchell, Miss Mabel Wright and Miss Pearl Mayo. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. W. R. Cowan served as matrons. Mr. W. R. Cowan, president of the Appomattox club, was master of ceremonies, assisted by the host, Mr. Julius N. Avendorph. Dancing was the feature of the evening from ten to twelve o'clock, at which time the sweet strains of a dreamy waltz was turned into "Home Sweet Home." The young folks enjoyed every minute of the evening and when they realized from the strains of "Home Sweet Home" the closing hour had rolled around with such rapidity there was a sigh of regret as an evening of social life had been enjoyed to the extent of intoxication whereby all wanted more, as it was an occasion that will long be remembered by all present. Frappe was served all evening. Miss Kitchener was at the piano.—"N."

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF HANNIBAL LODGE NO. 6 K. P.

This evening Hannibal Lodge, No. 6 K. P., will celebrate its 20th anniversary at Odd Fellows Hall, 3335 State street and the following program will be rendered:

Introduction of Toastmaster, Bro. Frank B. Waring; Dr. Allen A. Wesley, Toastmaster; "Address of Welcome," Bro. R. A. J. Shaw; "Where Do We Stand?" Bro. S. A. T. Wat-

Llewellyn C. Collins, Former Secretary of The Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company

IMPRISONED IN SING SING, NEW YORK, FOR ONE YEAR FOR COMMITTING FRAUD IN SELLING SOME LOTS AT RAHWAY, N. J.

Llewellyn C. Collins, the well known attorney and ex-secretary of the Defunct Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company, was sentenced to one year in Sing Sing prison by Judge Foster in General Sessions of the Criminal Court for grand larceny from G. A. Brambill, Harlem's prosperous merchant tailor. Mr. Collins took his sentence and the stern arraignment of the Judge with a quiver. In a calm voice he asked that he be given a few days in which to straighten up his affairs, and this was granted. He was convicted February 28.

Foster Would Have Given Five Years.

Judge Foster, in sentencing Collins, said: "It is really a sad thing that a man like you, moving in the best of your race and as a lawyer, should be convicted in such a case as this. It lowers the standard of the judiciary every time a man at the bar is convicted. The sentence in such a case ought to be five years. But the court has taken into consideration the fact that you have never before been convicted, your general good character up to the present time, and also the fact that you have served six or more weeks in prison and a still greater punishment from the fact of your disbarment."

He paid a glowing compliment to Miss Grace Campbell, who had so thoroughly reported the case. "All races have their good women, and it is good that your race has such a probation officer," he said. In concluding, Judge Foster said: "You're an intelligent, learned man. You deserve no leniency, therefore, on the score of ignorance. You did your race a service in helping to launch such a project, but you got the get-rich-quick idea in your head and fell."

Complaining Witness Merciful.

Mr. Brambill, when asked by the court if, as the complaining witness, he had anything to say, said that he joined in the general request for as much leniency as the case demanded.

At the trial Mr. Brambill testified that he became a stockholder in the Metropolitan in 1907, and there formed the acquaintance of his fellow Hampton graduate, the secretary, Mr. Collins, he said, came to him early in March, 1909, and asked him if he would help the company out of its financial straits by lending it \$500 or more. He refused, but agreed to buy some real estate from the company if they had any to sell. After a visit to Rahway and assurances from Mr. Collins he purchased two lots, getting

a title to them stating that they were both free and clear. He was to pay \$600 for two lots, buying one outright, for which he gave his check for \$300 and received a deed. Up until June, 1910, he had paid \$190 on the other in installments of from \$10 to \$30. All of these documents were produced in court. Mr. Brambill said that he had insisted on having the titles to the lots examined by the Title Guaranty & Trust Co., but Mr. Collins had dissuaded him eventually as it was entirely unnecessary and costly.

In June, 1910, however, on hearing from another lot purchaser of some trouble in the title to the tract he visited the Metropolitan headquarters and saw Mr. Collins. The latter stated to him that the trouble was trivial and upon a second visit he was reassured after the same fashion and that according to the company's contract that his lots could and would be released within ten days from a blanket mortgage, concerning which no previous mention had been made.

Accordingly Mr. Brambill called at the expiration of ten days, and upon being directed by Mr. Collins to Mr. Adkins, who had purchased the lots, he stated his case and told the president that he must have his lots released or his money refunded. The latter replied that he could not get his money, nor was the company in the position to get the lots for him. When Mr. Brambill threatened him with taking the case to the District Attorney's office, he said: "It is your pleasure."

In September, 1910, the mortgage on the entire tract was foreclosed and the title which had previously been in the hands of Mr. Adkins and which two days before the foreclosure had been transferred to the company, passed back into the hands of a Mr. Wolf, who had sold it to Mr. Adkins. The company had, of course, been selling lots up to this time which it did not even have the title for.—New York City Exchange.

The Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company, was the greatest business enterprise conducted by Afro-Americans in the United States, and it is really too bad that through unbusiness like management it failed with more than a hundred thousand dollars of the poor people's money swallowed up in it and that some of its head officials, will be compelled to spend considerable time behind the prison doors, at Sing Sing, New York.—Editor.

kings; "Our Military Department," Col. Stuart D. Fowler; "The True Knight," Bro. Edw. D. Green; "What of the Future?" Bro. Albert B. George.

RACE GLEANINGS.

Negro Population in the United States.

A recent bulletin of the United States census gives the following figures as the Colored population of the various states: Ohio, 111,443; Indiana, 60,280; Illinois, 109,041; Michigan, 17,115; Wisconsin, 2,900; Minnesota, 7,084; Iowa, 15,078; Missouri, 157,562; North Dakota, 617; South Dakota, 817; Nebraska, 7,679; Kansas, 54,504; Delaware, 31,181; Maryland, 232,249; District of Columbia, 94,446; Virginia, 671,000; West Virginia, 64,173; North Carolina, 697,943; Georgia, 1,176,836; Florida, 308,069; Kentucky, 361,556; Tennessee, 473,088; Alabama, 908,275; Mississippi, 1,009,487; Arkansas, 442,891; Louisiana, 713,374; Okla-

homa, 137,612; Texas, 600,020; Montana, 1,834; Idaho, 646; Wyoming, 235; Colorado, 11,453; New Mexico, 1,628; Arizona, 2,067; Utah, 1,138; Oregon, 1,364; New Hampshire, 564; Vermont, 1,621; Massachusetts, 38,042; Rhode Island, 9,429; Connecticut, 14,114; New York, 134,181.

Mrs. Martha B. Anderson, 6450 Champlain avenue, left the city this morning for Omaha, Neb., where she will appear Tuesday evening April 23 in a song-recital, and on Thursday evening, April 25, she will delight the music loving people of Des Moines, Iowa, with her sweet singing. She will return home Saturday morning, April 27, in order to perfect all arrangements for her concert, at Bethesda Baptist Church, Thursday evening, May 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah D. Thompson, have removed from 1226 N. 11th street, Los Angeles, Cal., to 5420 Longbeach avenue in that city. Mr. Thompson sends his kindest regards to his old friends in Chicago.